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## **USA Comments**

## DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR THE CONTROL OF AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH HAZARDS IN AQUATIC ANIMAL FEEDS

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

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3. **DEFINITIONS** 

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**Meal** 

Means a product derived from an aquatic animal that has been ground and heat processed to reduce the moisture content to less than 10 %.

General comment on the definition of "meal": the United States suggests that the definition include other animal and plant meals besides just meals from aquatic animals. Common reference within the aquaculture industry is to fish, poultry by-products, blood, and soybean meal. There is no reason to limit the definition of meal to just fish meal.